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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, NU

SUBJECT: SENIOR GN OFFICER ASSASINATED BY FSLN

1. BODY OF GEN. REINALDO PEREZ VEGA, HEAD OF NATIONAL GUARD (GN) PERSONNEL SECTION (GN-1) WAS FOUND MARCH 9 FOLLOWING TELEPHONE CALLS TO RADIO STATIONS BY PERSON CLAIMING TO SPEAK FOR FSLN AND STATING PEREZ HAD BEEN "JUSTICIADO" (EXECUTED IN THEIR TERMINOLOGY). GN LAUNCHED INVESTIGATION AND DISCOVERED GEN. PEREZ HAD NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE LEAVING WORK ON THE PREVIOUS DAY AND EVENTUALLY LOCATED HIS BODY MID-MORNING REPORTEDLY AT HOUSE OF A WOMAN.

2. GEN. PEREZ WAS A VERY TOUGH AND CLEVER OFFICER WITH A SORDID REPUTATION AS A SATYR WHO WAS DIVORCED LAST YEAR AND REMARRIED A FORMER MISTRESS WHO IS AMCIT. FSLN MESSAGE TO RADIO STATION IMPLIED THAT PEREZ WAS EXECUTED IN RETALIATION FOR DEATHS OF FSLN MEMBERS NEAR MASAYA (REFTEL). IT IS UNCLEAR WHICH FACTION OF FSLN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLING ALTHOUGH IT FITS THE DOCTRINE OF THE "PROLONGUED POPULAR WAR" FACTION MORE THAN THE "THIRD FRONT" FACTION.

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3. REACTION TO THIS EXECUTION WILL VARY AMONG DIFFERENT GROUPS. SOME WILL SEE ADDED "EFFECTIVENESS" FOR THE FSLN. OTHERS WILL WORRYO THAT THE APPARENT RUTHLESSNESS INDICATES ANEW PHASE OF FSLN VIOLENCE. WITHIN THE GN THERE IS LIKELY TO BE AN ATTITUDE OF VENGEANCE. SOLAUN

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